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Civilization is doing its work in Japan. Four per cent of the married population now secure divorces.

Quite a number of professional bicyclists are being motor-paced into the hereafter. The machines are as deadly as the gasoline stove.

Queen Liloukalan rose to her feet the other day when a band played "The Star-Spangled Banner." She probably had something that she was going to throw.

The best sutures for sewing up wounds are now obtained from the tails of rats. Later on it may be discovered that even the bebug was created for some useful purpose.

The Duke of Manchester says his debts amount to \$75,000. He must be a man of more than ordinary talents who can owe that much. It is surprising that the Duke went under.

A New York paper has an elaborate article to show that the bicycle is in its decline. But it will be hard to convince the man who has to dodge from two to six bicycles in crossing the street.

Emperor William's automobile can make sixty miles an hour and it cost \$10,000. It is William's ambition to be first on land and first on the sea, and there is no knowledge where a sixty-mile auto, should it become skittish, may land him.

A Kansas Indian claims to be the original Belgian hair-raiser of this country. More than thirty years ago he met a native of Belgium, owing to the fact that the latter had been looking the other way. Upon that occasion the first Belgian hair was raised in America.

The practical joker is generally a good-natured fellow with certain astute tendencies which are irresistible. His idea of fun is that of a man who has a weak heart and a soft head. He laughs till he bursts a button when he sees his victim's misery, but the medicine he gives he is never willing to take. Altogether he is a poor creature who ought never to be let out of the cage.

There is no accounting for individual idiosyncrasies. Here, for example, is a lady who is in trouble over unpaid bills aggregating several thousand dollars who attributes all her troubles to an opal. The circumstance that she ordered goods that she could not possibly pay for does not seem to have occurred to her. Possibly, however, the malefic opal gets in its deadly work by confusing the intellects of its victims.

A custom which is in vogue in Denmark is so graceful and so charitably conceived that it might well be introduced as a supplement to the "fresh air fund" work of this country. During the summer parents who live in the city make a temporary exchange of children with parents whose homes are in the country. By this plan ten thousand children who live in Copenhagen this year had a chance to romp about the farms, and an equal number of little rustics saw the sights of the city. This is one of those rare bargains by which both parties profit.

The running mates of both McKinley and Bryan four years ago have ceased to live. Both were comparatively young men; both had ample fortunes; both were ready to take life easy; neither was troubled by the cares that sap the lives of less fortunate men, but both have finished their career. Mr. Hobart died last winter. Mr. Sewall died more recently. Both were high representatives of the American business man; both were public-spirited men, and both were much loved by those who were drawn close to them. A Vice President is chosen less the President dies. The selections four years ago show that Vice Presidents are quite as apt to die as Presidents are.

It might be well to consider the advisability of imposing a severe penalty for the careless handling of firearms when such carelessness results in death or injury. The number of "didn't-know-it-was-loaded" accidents is alarming. The man who, carelessly handling a gun or a pistol, shoots and kills his friends is to be pitied, but he is likewise to be blamed. Every man knows—or should know—the peril involved in what is commonly known as "fooling" with firearms. If he tempts that peril with results fatal to innocent people he should be punished, not only as a chastisement to himself, but as a warning to others. That is seldom, if ever, done. Men who kill their friends by playing with deadly weapons are discharged from custody upon the finding of the coroner's jury that death was "accidental," though nothing can properly be styled an accident which might have been prevented by the exercise of ordinary prudence and common sense. It is necessary—or it is at least advisable—that there should be a reform in this custom. If the existing laws against manslaughter are inadequate to fit the necessity a new statute should be framed specifically prescribing a term of imprisonment for the carelessness which results in shooting people, whether the injury prove fatal or otherwise. Rightly enforced, such a statute would shortly put a stop to the criminal folly which is at the bottom of all "didn't-know-it-was-loaded" accidents as well as that even greater folly of pointing a loaded weapon knowing it to be loaded. Protection is needed against this wicked, which threatens life every day and takes life every week.

The population of some of the large cities of the country, as ascertained by the census, has been published. In some cases the people of those cities have been disappointed to find that the increase was less than they had supposed. They have relied upon the old method of estimating a city's population by multiplying the number of saloons in the directory by two and a half. The rule served fairly well in the days when

most of the people who did business in a city lived within its limits; but now that large numbers of them live in suburban or country towns, and pour into the city by train and trolley in the morning hours and pour out of it at night, the former basis of estimate is worthless. Some premature calculators are applying the average ratio of increase in the cities thus far reported to the entire population of the country. The estimates of population thus obtained are flattering to national pride, but they are not to be taken seriously. The ratio of growth in the cities is far in excess of that in the country at large. The extension of the electric car service has done something to relieve the congestion of cities, but it has by no means overcome the tendency of the population to flow from the country to the cities. After all, the true estimate of a city is not obtained by a mere count of heads. The quality of its inhabitants is of more consequence than their numbers. The cities most desirable to live in are those which have the best streets, the best police, the best libraries and public institutions, and the finest civic spirit.

It was recently shown by articles in the daily press on the "Outlook for the Professions" that the lawyers are suffering sorely from a gradual curtailment of their opportunities for earning large fees. The national bankruptcy law was cited as an instance of the tendency to destroy business for the lawyers, while it is generally admitted the tendency toward concentration of all industrial enterprises into a few hands also diminishes the field of profitable activity for the legal profession. Now comes another blow at the lawyers in the shape of a "phonograph will." An electrical engineer at Rochester executed his last will and testament by talking into a phonograph in the presence of a company of friends as witnesses. After telling the phonograph how he wished his estate disposed of in the event of death he took the wax cylinder, upon which the vocal sounds were recorded, and traced his signature in the wax with a hot copper wire. When the maker of this will dies the expectant relatives of the deceased will gather around a phonograph and listen to the living voice of the departed as he tells them in explicit terms just how his property is to be distributed. How can the lawyers go behind that voice? Who can assail the genuineness of this testamentary instrument? No allegation of spuriousness or unsound mind or undue influence can stand against the living voice of the deceased, speaking in the tones in which he was wont to converse with his friends and acquaintances. He must have been of sound mind and body to speak into the instrument with such well-modulated vigor and with such precise and carefully studied inflection. There is no mistaking the voice. All who knew him in the flesh will recognize it. The sharpest lawyer cannot impeach its genuineness even though it is tinged with the usual metallic sound. If the habit of making "phonograph wills" spreads over the country what is to become of the lawyers who make a specialty of attacking wills? The only chance we can see for the lawyers is in the carelessness that may occasionally leave a will in a warm place where it will melt.

No Good For Food. The people of Murray Island, a small coral reef between New Guinea and Australia, have not yet forgotten the pleasure their ancestors had in feasting on the flesh of white men whenever a ship was so unfortunate as to be wrecked on their coast. An English lady, who visited the island a few years ago to paint native flowers and the scenery, was reminded of this old custom in a way nowise complimentary to her personal appearance.

After breakfast I went with some of the native girls to the top of the hill to sketch. You would have been amused to see me trying to make myself understood by signs, and by drawing pictures on the sand. The mosquitoes bit my wrists and hands, and my companions were delighted when I pulled up my sleeve, and were much amused either at the thinness of my arms or the color, for they laughed heartily, and tried to make me understand that they were no good for food.

One girl, less shy than the others, took my arm up and pretended to bite it, then, making a wry face and shaking her head, she put it down and laid her own sleek brown one beside it, patting it impressively to let me see what a superior article it was.

Looking for Big Game. There was a little man and he had a little gun. And his bullets they were made of lead; He only took one shot, But it cost an awful lot, For he shot a farmer's cow through the head. —New York World.

Technically Correct. It is a familiar saying that the sketch is often better than the finished picture. Below is what, it is feared, is a practical application of this artistic dictum. The artist's wife was an artist before she was his wife; afterward she was his cook, and now this is what some things happen of a morning. The artist appears at the kitchen door, palette on thumb, and frown on brow. "What is the matter with the coffee, Laura? Isn't it ready?" "Have patience, Van Dyke," Laura replies, her hand on the coffee-pot handle, "it is already sketched in!"

Monotonously Expensive. "We had to give our pet dog away," "Why?" "Well, he ran away nine times, and every time the same boy brought him back and charged me twenty-five cents."

After you return from a circus, it is amusing to read the circus bills. It

TRAITOR FAGIN CAPTURED

Treated His Former Companions That He Caught With Brutality.

WAS A GENERAL AMONG FILIPINOS

Hardships of an Expedition—Had to Retire—Insurgents Increasing.

Manila, Oct. 28.—While scouting near Looe a detachment of the Twentieth and Twenty-eighth regiments, under Captain Biegler drove off the enemy, insurgents, armed with rifles, under the command of a white man whose nationality is not known to the Americans. The insurgents for the most part were intrinsically. After a heroic fight Captain Biegler drove off the enemy, killing more than seventy-five. The fight lasted for two hours. Captain Biegler and three privates were slightly wounded and two of the Americans were killed.

HAD TO RETIRE.

An engagement took place October 24th between detachments of the Third Cavalry and the Thirty-third Volunteer Infantry, numbering sixty, and a force of insurgents, including 400 riflemen and 1000 bolomen. The fighting was desperate. Finally, under pressure of overwhelming numbers, the Americans were compelled to retire on Narvican.

Lieutenant George L. Faglin and four privates were killed, nine wounded and four missing. Twenty-nine horses were captured by the insurgents, but were subsequently released. The enemy's loss is estimated at 150.

TRAITOR FAGIN CAPTURED.

A civilian launch towing a barge loaded with merchandise near Frayal was attacked by a force of 150 insurgents under David Fagin, a deserter from the Twenty-fourth Infantry. The American troops on hearing of the fight, turned out in force before the boat could be looted and captured Fagin, who holds the rank of general among the insurgents, and who has sworn special enmity towards his former company. Of the twenty men captured a month ago seven have been released. One was killed in a fight, his body being horribly mutilated. Fagin sent messages to his former comrades, threatening them with violence if they became his prisoners. It was Fagin's men who captured Lieutenant Frederick W. Alstaetter, who is a prisoner.

HARDSHIPS OF AN EXPEDITION.

General Hall's expedition with a force of nearly eight hundred men through the mountains to Binangonan, province of Infanta, in pursuit of the insurgent general, Calixto, although it discovered no trace of the enemy, encountered great hardships on the march. Twenty Chinese porters died, and forty men were sent into the hospital. After stationing a garrison of 250 men in Binangonan and visiting Polillo Island, off the coast of Infanta province, General Hall and the rest of his force embarked there on the transport Garmon.

INSURGENTS INCREASING.

Reports from General Young's district show a daily increase of insurgents there owing to the fact that recruits are going thither from the towns.

While a detail of the Thirty-third Volunteer Infantry was returning from Bangued on rafts it was fired upon by insurgents, Sergeant Baerster being killed and two privates wounded.

KILLED AND WOUNDED

Killed—First Lieutenant George L. Faglin, Charles A. Lindenberg, William F. Wilson, company H, Thirty-third regiment, U.S.V.; Andrew T. Johnson, farrier; Guy McClintock, troop L, Third United States cavalry. Wounded—Company H, Thirty-third Infantry: Floyd McCheson, hip, slight; John W. Gray, face, slight; Floyd H. Heard, cheek, slight; Harry S. Johnson, knee, serious. Troop K, Third United States cavalry; Corporal Adam R. Wachs, arm, slight; Alfred Dowling, hip, slight; Charles W. Martin, thigh, slight; Oscar O. Bradley, foot, slight; William E. Hunter, leg, below, slight.

Missing—John J. Boyd, Samuel P. Harris, company H; Samuel Davis, Ferd Schweld, Third cavalry, troop L. Twenty-nine horses are missing; some are known to have been killed.

MacARTHUR.

IS NO LONGER INSANE

Lunacy Commission's Finding in Mary Fraser's Case.

Sacramento, Oct. 26.—The state commission on lunacy met today and after deliberating at length upon the testimony given at the Stockton investigation as to the sanity of the late Mary Fraser, who is confined in a private asylum, rendered the following decision:

"A complaint, duly sworn to by Edna Orr James, having been received and read by this commission alleging that one Mary Fraser was wrongfully and unlawfully imprisoned, detained and deprived of her liberty by one P. B. Fraser in a private asylum for insane persons, kept by F. R. Clark, city of Stockton, state of California; that said Mary Fraser was not and never was an insane person; that the cause of her detention was the tyrannous determination on the part of P. B. Fraser, her father, and Alfred P. Fraser, her brother, to forcibly compel her to conform to their wishes in the matter of certain family differences; that she was imprisoned for the purpose of discipline and revenge; and have always known, that 'she is of sound mind and competent in all respects,' and the allegations contained in said complaint having been fully investigated at a meeting of this commission, held at the city of Stockton aforesaid, on the 22nd and 23rd days of October, 1900, whereat C. N. Post, acting as chairman; Dr. F. W. Hatch and Dr. W. P. Matthews were present as members of the said commission; also being present the complainant, Edna Orr James, with her counsel, Fairall, Esq., P. B. Fraser and his attorney, F. D. Nicol, and a large number of witnesses having been examined under oath at said time by this commission concerning the allegations of said complaint, this commission being now fully advised in the premises, finds the following:

"First—That P. B. Fraser, the father of said Mary A. Fraser, did not place the said Mary A. Fraser in the Pacific hospital at Stockton for the purpose of discipline and revenge, but that, on the contrary, the said P. B. Fraser was actuated in placing her in said hospital by motive of affection and a desire to improve her condition. "Second—That the action of said P. B. Fraser in placing the said Mary A. Fraser in the said Pacific hospital was, within a few hours after such action, indorsed by four reputable physicians, two of whom are recognized as being among the most expert in this State. "Third—That after a residence of two months and a half at said hospital the condition of said Mary A. Fraser is such that she ought not to be detained in a hospital for the insane."

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JOYCE BROUGHT TO LOS ANGELES

Fervid Letter to the Alleged Forger and Bigamist

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—George Joyce, the alleged forger; bigamist and robber, is now on his way to Los Angeles in the custody of detective Hawley. Captain of Detectives Seymour received an anonymous letter today declaring in positive terms that Joyce was the notorious bigamist George Bates and giving the address of the prisoner's alleged mother at Vicksburg and Jersey streets.

Detective Bailey visited Mrs. Bates and she identified a photograph of Joyce as that of her son. She said he had always been in trouble and had broken her heart by his reckless disregard for law and social structures.

Further investigation tonight, however, developed the fact that Mrs. Bates was mistaken. Bates, the bigamist, is serving a long sentence in the Joliet, Illinois, penitentiary. His namesake is in New York. There is plenty of evidence that Joyce is a woman fascinator, however. Mrs. Belle Humphreys, who claims she is one of his wives, and Nellie Hamilton, his acknowledged sweetheart, haunted the city prison with flowers and delicacies for the prisoner during his detention there, and today the following letter, evidently written by a married woman, was received.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 24.—Dear George: Received your letter yesterday and was glad you wrote a little longer one this time. Of course you must not expect a very long or a very good letter from me. I have to write all my letters on the cars. I don't want even the folks to know where you are, or that I ever hear from you. That was the great trouble before; everyone knew too much of our business and that always gives a chance for talk and makes trouble. You ask me if I'll be good to me. Well, yes, good enough, but he has a cold, distant disposition that don't agree with mine. You know you always said you liked me because I was so loving. Well, I like a loving disposition myself, and that is the reason you and I always made up after a quarrel.

Well, George be as good as possible and always tell me the truth about everything, and there will come a reward for you yet. Don't be managed and keep out of trouble. If only I had known a year ago what I do now you and I would have been married today. Oh, how I would have loved to have been with you all these last few months and I never would have been as blue as I am now. Blue, sick and down-hearted is what I am, and I hardly dare to think of our good old times. Now, George do come down here for a little while before you go any further away. Excuse me for closing so soon because my train is coming. Good bye, write soon. Rosebud, Box 340

Another Loophole

Washington.—The secretary of the treasury, acting on the decision of the solicitor of the treasury, has held that the wife of a Chinese native-born citizen of the United States is entitled to the benefits of the provisions of section 1994, revised statutes. Such right to land does not depend on the status of her husband as a merchant even if it is held that the exclusion laws apply to Chinese merchants who are native born, but rather on her higher right not to be separated from her husband who is legally entitled to live in the country of his birth.

St. Elias Shattered

Port Townsend, Wash., Oct. 27.—Two steamers arrived from Nome today, the General Segley and South Portland the latter having 152 passengers. Both sailed from Nome on October 14. A report has reached here from Yakutat to the effect that Mount St. Elias was badly shaken up by the earthquake that did so much damage recently at Kodiak. Indian trappers and hunters who were in the vicinity of the mountain returned to Yakutat and say that the mountain was broken to pieces. The shocks were so severe that acres of ice broke loose near the top of the mountain and came crashing down the sides carrying everything before it. Indians state that from here the avalanche started clear at the base of the mountains, it made a track about half a mile wide where no snow or ice remains. All the trappers entertained that some may have been caught by the avalanche.

No Discourtesy to the American Flag

Bernuda, Francis R. Pelly of the British cruiser Psyche, which has arrived, says the Psyche did not fail to fire an international salute of twenty-one guns when she entered the harbor of New York. He says the fog was so thick he could not make out the forts and could not tell whether any preparation had been made to return his salute. As he dropped anchor he ordered the salute of twenty-one guns. Pelly expresses regret at the misunderstanding, and says he intended no discourtesy to the American flag.

Mrs. Craven in Court

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—Mrs. Nettie R. Craven, haggard and drawn, and walking on crutches, appeared before Judge Cook today for a hearing on the indictment against her. Attorney Riorian explained to the court that she was not ready to proceed with the case and Judge Cook gave him until Monday next to summon his witnesses and the grand jury which returned the indictment against his client. Riorian claims that the jury was illegally drawn, and besides, that it was prejudiced.

TELEGRAPHIC RESUME.

The Boers and English Still Vigorously Contesting.

OTHER HAPPINGS OF INTEREST.

Reported From All Parts of The World Which are of Particular Moment to the Busy Reader.

Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 27.—The will of Henry L. Lacey, who died in Los Angeles recently, was opened today. He bequeathed his entire fortune of \$100,000, mostly in cash and United States bonds, to Olive S. Read the 10-year-old daughter of William and Gertrude Read of Tucson, with whom the deceased lived for many years.

PART OF THE EMPIRE

Proclamation Annexing the Transvaal

Pretoria, Oct. 26.—The Transvaal was today proclaimed a part of the British empire, the proclamation being attended with impressive ceremonies. The royal standard was hoisted in the main square of the city, the grenadiers presenting arms, bands played the national anthem, Sir Alfred Milner read the proclamation, and 6200 troops, representing Great Britain and her colonies marched past.

Maseru, Basutoland, Oct. 26.—It is reported here that former President Steyn and the members of the executive council are at Fouriesburg, south of Bethlehem, and that he has declared Fouriesburg to be the "capital of the Orange Free State." Mr. Steyn has ordered Keyter, a member of the late Volksraad, to be tried on the charge of high treason.

Durban, Oct. 26.—The Boers are raiding the northern part of Natal. They have burned the railroad station at Wesselsburg and blown up a culvert. Brussels, Oct. 26.—The Kruger reception committee has issued a formal disclaimer of hostility toward Great Britain in connection with the reception which the committee says will be exclusively a demonstration of sympathy. Every means being taken to prevent political allusions.

Paris, Oct. 26.—Dr. Levdys, Transvaal agent, was questioned today with reference to the plans of former President Kruger. He said:

"Most of the stories published on the subject are imaginary. Mr. Kruger will land at Marseilles and I shall go to meet him. But it is not true that I have seen M. Delcasse (the French minister of foreign affairs) or that I am in any way arranging a reception that will be entirely in the hands of the French themselves. Nothing has been definitely decided as to the details of Kruger's stay in Europe. But Mr. Kruger is an old man and not accustomed to a cold climate, so it is likely he will sojourn in the neighborhood of Nice for the winter. I have no reason to believe there is any ground for the statement that President Kruger intends to visit President McKinley."

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PRESIDENT

Announcement That Charles M. Hays Will be Selected as President.

New York, Oct. 26.—The Evening Post says: "The selection of Charles M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk line, as president of the Southern Pacific, was confirmed today by the highest Southern Pacific authority. His appointment will be acted upon by the board next week. He is already unanimously agreed to, however, and the directors consider that they have been fortunate in securing the best possible railroad man for the presidency."

Mr. Hays will reside in San Francisco and will have complete charge of the operations of the railroad, with Mr. Tweed as chairman in New York. It was stated today by a director that there would be no friction in the management over Mr. Hays' appointment, and that he would have the cordial support of the whole board in his plans for the development of the Southern Pacific. It is believed more modern methods of railroading will largely increase its net earnings ably. Chas. A. Tweed of the Southern Pacific company this afternoon confirmed the report that Charles M. Hays had been selected for the presidency of the company. He said that Mr. Hays would assume the new office about January 1, and that he would have his headquarters in San Francisco. Mr. Tweed added that the officers of the Southern Pacific would probably retain their present positions.

Mr. Tweed said that the position had not been offered to anybody but Mr. Hays, and although Mr. Hays had been the unanimous choice of the directors, formal action on the selection will not be taken until the meeting of the board next week. As to the reports current that the Vanderbilts have obtained control of the road, Mr. Tweed said:

"Mr. Vanderbilt may have bought some stock in the open market, but as far as I know, the control of the road has not changed."

SIMS REEVES' DEATH

Young Wife Was Singing at a Concert, as the Age Tenor Passes Away.

London, Oct. 27.—The death of Sims Reeves on Thursday last at Worthington removes an idol of the British public, who for 30 years eclipsed any prima donna of these days. Lengthy obituaries and reminiscences of the famous tenor appear on all sides, but a pathetic feature connected with his death has quite escaped attention. Reeves caught a chill a few days ago and it developed into bronchitis. But his condition was so improved Thursday morning that he was not believed to be in danger. Mrs. Reeves who is many years younger than deceased tenor, to whom she was married in 1885, after the death of his first wife, left her husband in a modest home in Worthington to sing in London for the benefit of the survivors of Balaklava. Just as Mrs. Reeves commenced singing "Kathleen Mavourneen" a telegram was received at the theater announcing the death of Sims Reeves. When the song was finished and the applause at its height the news of her husband's death was broken to Mrs. Reeves, but the audience ignorant of this behind-the-scene tragedy, kept on demanding the encore. The widow was removed from the theater on the verge of collapse.

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